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FAS FOR FATS & OILS/MACKIE FROM AGATTACHE

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SUBJ: CZECHOSLOVAK SOYBEAN MEAL REQUIREMENTS

1. ON AUGUST 3RD, AGATTACHE AND NEW ECON/COMMOFF MET CHALUPA AND HOLUB OF KOOSPOL (FTO) TO DISCUSS CZECHOSLOVAK VEGETABLE OIL MEAL NEEDS. FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR POINTS MADE BY KOOSPOL OFFICIALS:

- (A) DURING 1978, CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL NEED SOME FIVE TO TEN PERCENT MORE VEGETABLE OIL MEALS THAN IT DID A YEAR AGO AND, AGAIN, THAT MUCH MORE IN 1979. MEAT CONSUMPTION IS RISING, AND TENDENCY IS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF MEAT.

- (B) QUALITY PROBLEM WHICH EXISTED EARLIER WITH US MEALS HAS BEEN SOLVED THROUGH NEW CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS. CURRENT CONTRACTS WITH U.S. SUPPLIERS NOW STIPULATE MINIMUM PROTEIN AND MAXIMUM FIBER CONTENT.

- (C) THE PROPORTION OF U.S. MEAL IN TOTAL MEAL IMPORTS REMAINS AROUND 40 PERCENT AND IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN AT
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THIS LEVEL FOR A WHILE. BRAZILIAN MEAL, HOWEVER, STILL CHEAPER.

- (D) RECENTLY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA BOUGHT 20,000 TONS OF BULGARIAN SOYBEAN MEAL. THEY FOUND IT OF OUTSTANDING QUALITY. UNFORTUNATELY, QUANTITY AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT VERY SMALL.

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2. COMMENT: CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S SOYBEAN MEAL REQUIREMENTS DURING 1978 SHOULD BE AROUND 575,000 TONS, AND FOR 1979 625,000 TONS. THE GROWING NUMBERS OF HOG AND POULTRY
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AUGUR WELL FOR A SUSTAINED HIGH LEVEL OF MEAL IMPORTS. DURING THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ENDING JULY 1, 1978, THE NUMBER OF HOGS INCREASED 4.3 PERCENT AND THAT OF POULTRY 3.6 PERCENT. EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING QUALITY OF MEAT IS AN ADDED PLUS FOR MORE SOYBEAN MEAL IMPORTS.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, PRICES OF BRAZILIAN MEALS CONTINUE TO BE LOWER THAN THOSE OF U.S. MEALS. FOR THIS REASON, IMPORTS OF U.S. MEALS DURING 1978 SHOULD REMAIN AROUND 250,000 TONS, A CIF VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 50 MILLION.
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